



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2015, - 5:30 p.m.
Northwest Recreation Center
2913 Northland
Austin, Texas**

URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS:	APPOINTMENT	:
Christopher Kite, Chair	Council Member Laura Morrison, Place 4	
Peggy Maceo (Vice-Chair)	Council Member Kathie Tovo, Place 3	
Len Newsom	Council Member Bill Spelman, Place 5	
Patrick Brewer	Mayor Lee Leffingwell	
Nicholas Classen	Mayor Pro-Tem Sheryl Cole, Place 6	
Ryan Fleming	Council Member Mike Martinez, Place 2	
Keith Brown	Council Member Chris Riley, Place 1	

URBAN FORESTRY EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	:
Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department	
Pat Fuller, Division Manager, Parks and Recreation Department – Director Designee	
Vacant, Urban Forester, Planning and Development Review Department	
John Clement, Environmental Program Coordinator, Watershed Protection Department – Director Designee	

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of January 28, 2015.

C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The first 4 (four) speakers signed up prior to the calling of the meeting to order are allowed a three-minute allotment each to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

E. URBAN FORESTER EXECUTIVE LIAISON REPORT – Emily King, Acting Urban Forester, Planning, Development and Review Department, including:

- Austin Urban Forest Plan Implementation Monthly Update
- Monthly Notification: Removal of protected size trees on parkland that constitute an imminent public safety risk.
- Summary of impacts to tree roots in Zilker Park from the U.S.A. Cycling Cyclo-Cross National Championships that occurred from January 7-12, 2015.
- Update on Draft Cemetery Master Plan.
- Update -- Public Works Department.
- Update on ForkLife DanceWorks at Govalle Park.

F. ACTION ITEM BRIEFINGS

1. Grant application requesting \$30,000.00 for vertical mulching on the Shoal Creek Restoration Project. Presenter: Darcy Nuffer, Watershed Protection Department.
2. Grant application requesting \$30,000.00 for invasive plant management on the Shoal Creek Restoration Project. Presenter: Darcy Nuffer, Watershed Protection Department.
3. Overview of UFB By-Laws and functions to prepare for possible special called meeting with Environmental Board related to transfer of UFB responsibilities to Environmental Commission. Presenter: Chris Kite, UFB Chair.
4. Update on Cyclo Cross event at Zilker Park. Presenters: Jason Maurer, Sales and Event Manager, Parks and Recreation Department, and Lara Schuman, Acting Program Manager, Forestry Unit, Parks and Recreation Department

G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and approval of grant application requesting \$30,000.00 for vertical mulching on the Shoal Creek Restoration Project. Presenter: Darcy Nuffer, Watershed Protection Department.
2. Discussion and approval of grant application requesting \$30,000.00 for invasive plant management on the Shoal Creek Restoration Project. Presenter: Darcy Nuffer, Watershed Protection Department.
3. Discussion and possible action on UFB By-Laws and functions to prepare for possible special called meeting with Environmental Board related to transfer of UFB responsibilities to Environmental Commission. Presenter: Chris Kite, UFB Chair.
4. Recommendations regarding Cyclo Cross event at Zilker Parks. Presenters: Peggy Maceo, UFB Vice-Chair and UFB Member Patrick Brewer.

H. BRIEFINGS – 10 Minute Limit For Each Briefing

1. Austin Energy Line Clearance Monthly Update – January, 2015. Ray Henning, Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy.
2. City Arborist Program Tree Preservation and Replenishment Monthly Update January 2015. Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
3. City Arborist Program Heritage Tree Report – January 2015. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
4. Denial of Administrative Heritage Tree Removal at 507 West 53rd Street. Presenter: Michael Embesi, City Arborist, Planning and Development Review Department.
5. Update from Treaty Oak Task Force Working Group. Presenter: Patrick Brewer, UFB Board Member.
6. Update on Tree Save Workshop. Presenter: Peggy Maceo, UFB Vice-Chair.

I. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Action Item Briefing on Cemetery Master Plan: Presenter: Kim McKnight, Project Coordinator, Park Planning and Design Unit, Parks and Recreation Department.

Action Item Briefing on grant applicant request from Pease Park Conservancy. Presenter: Mr. Richard Craig.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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